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BEN WILSON

presents

YAKIMA CANUTT

in

✓ "THE HUMAN TORNADO" ✓

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Jim Marlow Yakima Canutt
Chet Marlow. Bert Sprotte
Marion Daley Nancy Leeds
Peter Daley. Lafe McKee
Tom Crowley. Joe Rickson
Sheriff Cutter. Slim Allen

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✓ Story & continuity by Cliffe Hill ✓

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Chet Marlow, erstwhile eastern aristocrat, has come west to personally supervise his large mine holdings in a country where his younger brother, Jim, is known as a "rough ridin" cowboy. Chet looks down on Jim, who has been disinherited by his father for his predilections for the west and he refers to Marion Daley, the girl with whom Jim is going as a "Yahoo". Jim is quick to resent this insult, and there is soon bad blood between the brothers.

One of Chet's first deeds is to cheat old Pete Daley, Marion's father, out of his mine holdings by getting him to sign a fraudulent deed to the property. The old man is of a trusting nature and feels Chet has conferred a favor on him with his \$100 "advance", but when he learns the truth he is terror-stricken that his life work should have been wrecked by this wealthy trickster. His one idea is to get back the deed, which he has seen Chet put in his office safe. Jim's indignant threats to his brother bring no action, and he also determines on revenge to save the old man. Meanwhile Tom Crowley, a mysterious character about whom little is known in the frontier town, has seen Chet receive a big package of money by express and put it away in the tin box in the safe which also contains the deed to Daley's claim.

At night Crowley and "Crooknose", a thieving companion, plan to steal the money. Crowley goes to Marlow's office and begins breaking the safe when the door stealthily opens and old Pete Daley enters. Crowley hides and sees Daley go to the partly open safe and remove the tin box. As he starts out Crowley commands him to halt, but Daley rushes through the door and escapes. As Crowley fires after him the night watchman, who has been attracted
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by the noise, comes in and is killed by Crowley's bullet.

Daley makes his way to his cabin where he leaves a note for Marion and Jim Marlow telling them what he has done. He writes that he will hide the box of money and write them again where it is caught. Crowley, arriving at the cabin before Jim and Marion, reads the note and makes arrangement with a partner at the general store-post office to intercept the letter trouble, gets the Mexican who goes for the mail to deliver the letter to her direct.

Crowley and his gang chase the Mexican, Jim also on the lookout, and after a hard ride out in ahead of the bandits just as the frightened letter-carrier throws the precious missive away rather than be caught with it. He swings from his saddle, scoops up the letter at a dead gallop, and escapes the Crowley gang by riding down a steep cliff. At the cabin he arranges with Marion to dig near at hand as a ruse to throw off the robbers and the sheriff, who by this time has sworn out a warrant for old Pete's arrest on the charge of killing the night watchman. He then goes to the real hiding place and digs up the tin box. He is ambushed, however, by Crowley and his men, and is severely wounded while he is crossing a river after having his horse shot out from under him.

Jim manages to get back to the cabin with the money box, but there the sheriff finds him, despite Marion's efforts to conceal him. The Crowley gang hi-jack the Sheriff and Jim as the former is taking his prisoner and the money to town. The Sheriff is wounded in the gun-battle, but Jim, handcuffed as he is manages to drop Crowley and before the latter dies he clears Marion's father of the murder of the watchman and also admits to the killing of the Mexican mail-runner for which Jim has been held responsible thru the loss of his combrero-a clue picked up where he swung down to pick up the letter.

An old lawyer who has been working on the whole case for Pete Daley uncovers the fact that Olet has cheated his brother out of his share of the inheritance, and the crooked brother gets the handcuffs he intended for Jim.

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